	Application No.	Applicant(s)
Notice of Allowability	09/876,238	BECKER ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Holly R. Harper	2879

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the amendment filed on 8/18/03*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *13 and 14*.

3. ☒ The drawings filed on *6/7/01* are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some*   c)☐ None   of the:

      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

      3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * Certified copies not received: _____ .

5. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

    (a)☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.

    (a)☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

      1)☐ hereto or 2)☐ to Paper No. _____ .

    (b)☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____ , which has been approved by the Examiner.

    (c)☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____ .

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

3☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

4☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No.____ .

5☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. ____ .

6☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

7☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

8☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9☐ Other   .

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1.   Claims 13 and 14 are allowed.

2.   The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 13, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 13, and specifically comprising the limitation of multiple microhollow cathode discharges and an anode comprising a distributed resistive ballast.

Regarding claim 14, claim 14 is allowable for the reasons given in claim 13 because of its dependency status from claim 13.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Holly Harper whose telephone number is (703) 305-7908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel, can be reached on (703) 305-4794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-7382.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding

should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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